16. Chairmen of the standing committees.—(1) The deputy mayor shall **ex-officio** be the chairman of the standing committee for taxation and finance.

(2) The standing committee for public health and the standing committee for works shall, at their first meeting after the members are elected, elect by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting one of its own members to be the chairman of each such committee.

(3) The chairman shall hold office until his successor is elected but shall be eligible for reappointment.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (3) the chairman shall vacate his office as soon as he ceases to be a member of the standing committee.

(5) If any casual vacancy occurs in the office of the chairman, the standing committee concerned after the occurrence of such vacancy, shall elect one of its members to fill such vacancy and every person so elected shall continue in office so long only as the person in whose place he is elected would have held office if such vacancy had not occurred.

17. Construction of references to standing committees and chairman.—(1) Whenever in this Act the expression "standing committee" occurs it shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to refer to the particular standing committee, to which the power or duty in connection with which the expression is used is assigned by or under this Act, and all references to the standing committee in any other law shall be construed as reference to the particular standing committee to which the power or duty, is conferred or imposed by such law.

(2 Any referrence made to a "chairman" of the standing committee by or under this Act or under any other law shall be construed as a reference to the chairman of the particular standing committee to which the power or

duty in connection with which the reference is made is assigned by or under this Act or under such law.

18. Appointment of the commissioner and his term of office.—(1) The commissioner shall be appointed by the Government and shall not be a member of the corporation and he shall hold office during the pleasure of the Government.

19. Salary and other conditions of service of the commissioner.—(1) The commissioner shall be paid out of the corporation fund such monthly salary and allowances as the Government may, from time to time, by order determine.

(2) The commissioner shall be a whole-time officer of the corporation and shall not engage in any other profession, trade or business whatsoever.

(3) When a salaried servant of the Government is appointed as the commissioner, there shall be paid to the Government out of the corporation funds such sum by way of contribution towards his pension ,leave salary and other allowances as may be required to be paid by him or on his behalf under the conditions of service applicable to him.

(4) Leave may be granted to the commissioner by the Government and when such leave is granted, he shall be paid such leave salary and allowances as the Government may determine which shall be met out of the corporation funds.

20. Acting commissioner.—During the absence on leave or other temporary vacancy in the office of the commissioner, the Government may appoint a person to act as the commissioner and every person so appointed shall exercise the powers and perform the duties conferred and imposed by this Act or any other law for the time being in force on the commissioner and shall be subject to all the